

REMARKS

Claims 1-31 and 33-52 are currently pending. Claims 24, 30, 33, and 35 have been amended. Claim 32 has been canceled. Applicant acknowledges and appreciates the Examiner's indication that claims 1-23, 30-36, and 47-52 contain allowable subject matter.

Claim 24 has been amended to include the limitations of Claim 32. As such claim 24 is identical to Claim 32 written in independent form. Claim 30 has been rewritten in independent form containing all of the limitations of the base claim (Claim 24) and any intervening claims. Claim 24 is now identical to originally filed Claim 32 and as such has not been narrowed in any way and is in a condition for allowance. In addition, Claim 30 has not been narrowed in any way and is in a condition for allowance. Rejected Claims 25-29 and 37-46 depend from amended Claim 24. As such, Claims 25-29 and 37-46 are also in a condition for allowance.

The amendments made to Claims 24 and 30 render the rejections based on Stob moot. As such, Claims 1-31 and 33-52 are in a condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments and allowance of claims 1-31 and 33-52.

Respectfully submitted,

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